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PREFACE.

It is with very great regret that we have to announce the cessation of this journal as a separate publication.

Although the flow of literary contributions has been fully maintained, and we have had regretfully to return several interesting communications which would have served for a New Year's number, the increased support from Subscribers which, as we said at the beginning of the year, was necessary, has not been forthcoming.

This being so, and the main interest of the 'Zoologist' having for many years centred chiefly in the British avifauna, we look with considerable satisfaction on the fact that Messrs. Witherby & Co. have taken it over for amalgamation with their publication 'British Birds,' which is, we understand, to widen its scope so as to include the birds of the Western Palearctic Region generally.

It is of course understood that only ornithological matter will be required by the conjoint publication, and of this only such as will deal with the birds of the area above-mentioned, and we hope that the same loyal support will be accorded by our observers to 'British Birds' as has been the pride of this old-established magazine.

